

# 2002 NJ SAVER Rebate Program Summary

<b>Application Mailing:</b>	NJ SAVER Rebate Application packets mailed to arrive in mid-May.
<b>Filing Begins:</b>	May 16, 2003 – Automated telephone filing system ready to receive calls at <b>1-877-658-2972</b> (toll-free within NJ, NY, PA, DE, or MD) or 609-826-4288. Phone lines available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. Applications can also be filed on the Division's Web site at: <b>www.njsaverrebate.com</b>
<b>Filing Ends:</b>	July 15, 2003
<b>Filing Procedures:</b>	<p>Although most homeowners will file their applications by telephone or online, certain homeowners must file a paper application if they are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Owners of multiple-owner properties</li> <li>• Owners of multiple dwelling unit properties</li> <li>• Homeowners who received a preprinted NJ SAVER Rebate Application packet with the correct address but with a name other than their own</li> <li>• Homeowners who received a preprinted NJ SAVER Rebate Application packet in both their name and the name of their deceased spouse</li> <li>• Executors filing on behalf of a deceased homeowner</li> <li>• Filing for a property held in trust</li> <li>• Considered to be homeowners for purposes of claiming the NJ SAVER rebate, but were not the actual owner of record on October 1, 2002</li> <li>• Homeowners who occupied a newly constructed home on October 1, 2002, for which an NJ SAVER Identification Number and PIN have not yet been assigned</li> <li>• Married homeowners who maintain the same principal residence but circumstances require that each spouse receive a separate NJ SAVER rebate check. (Each spouse must file a separate paper application.)</li> </ul> <p>Many homeowners who were required to file paper applications last year will be able to file by telephone or online this year. However, homeowners who filed NJ SAVER rebate applications by telephone or online last year <b>may</b> need to file paper applications this year if their circumstances have changed.</p> <p>Contact the NJ SAVER Rebate Hotline at 609-826-4282 to find out whether or not you can file by telephone or online and to order a paper application, if necessary.</p> <p><b>NOTE:</b> The NJ SAVER Rebate Program and the Homestead Rebate Program are separate programs and separate applications must be filed for each program. <b><i>Homeowners who are eligible for both programs must file both applications.</i></b></p>
<b>Eligibility:</b>	Owned and paid property taxes on a home in New Jersey that was their principal residence on October 1, 2002. Condominium and co-op owners and residents of continuing care retirement communities are also eligible. <i>Principal residence</i> means the home the owner occupies continually as a permanent residence. A vacation home, a "second" home, or a property which the owner rents to someone else does not qualify as a principal residence. <b>Note:</b> As part of the State Budget for fiscal year 2004, the Legislature has mandated that no NJ SAVER rebate will be paid to any individual or married couple with gross income in excess of \$200,000.
<b>Rebate Amount:</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Because the NJ SAVER rebate is based on local school tax rates and those rates vary by municipality, the amount of the NJ SAVER rebate varies by municipality.</li> <li>2. The rebate is based on equalized home values (up to \$45,000) and the effective school tax rate for the municipality. Amounts vary by municipality. The amount to be paid for the 2002 tax year for each municipality will be 50% of the NJ SAVER rebate amount for tax year 2001. The average rebate amount for 2002 is \$250.</li> <li>3. Applicant will receive a homestead rebate <b>OR</b> an NJ SAVER rebate, whichever provides the higher benefit in their individual case.</li> </ol>
<b>Check Mailing:</b>	NJ SAVER rebate checks are scheduled to be mailed in September.
<b>Tenants:</b>	Tenants are <b>not eligible</b> for the NJ SAVER rebate. However, the homestead rebate is available to tenants with gross income of \$100,000 or less, provided they file a homestead rebate application by April 15, 2003 (or extended due date). Tenants who are under 65 and not disabled are eligible for a homestead rebate of \$100. Tenants who are 65 or over or disabled are eligible for a homestead rebate of not less than \$100, up to a maximum of \$775, depending on the amount of rent paid and their gross income. Call 609-292-6400 for information, assistance, or forms.
<b>For More Information:</b>	<p><b>NJ SAVER Rebate Hotline — 609-826-4282</b></p> <p>Hearing impaired — 1-800-286-6613 (toll-free within NJ, NY, PA, DE, or MD) or 609-984-7300 for information or filing assistance.</p> <p><b>Web site — <a href="http://www.njsaverrebate.com">www.njsaverrebate.com</a></b></p>